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Another News Solicitor Hustling

Comrade T. P. Hughes has accepted a position with the Montana News as traveling solicitor, and left Tuesday morning via the Northern Pacific for Butte and Anaconda, as well as all intermediate points.

This makes the second steady traveling solicitor in the state in the interest of the paper, and it is hoped that with Comrades Hughes and Lynch in the field that the paper may be brought up to the desired standard. The conducting of a Socialist paper and making it a go in the field of competition, and especially where the Clark, Amalgamated, Heinze boodle sheets are distributed practically free of charge, and published regardless of expense, is a proposition that causes the management many sleepless nights.

But with the help of these comrades in the outside field, connected with the assistance of many other comrades after once they have been visited by The News solicitors, practically assures us that the Socialist paper is going to be a success in the near future, and will not only rival other papers on circulation, but will far exceed all of them.

Comrade Hughes expects to spend some time among the laboring men of Butte and Anaconda, and all assistance given him by the Socialists of these localities

as well as other places will be an assistance to building up a strong Socialist paper.

Should the business continue as successful in the future as in the past, and there is no reason why it should not, the state will be thoroughly covered, including the farming districts as well as the mining and lumbering camps, and after this work has been accomplished we expect to extend outside of the borders of Montana.

Comrades we want your help, and we want you to look after the News solicitors—Comrades Lynch and Hughes—when in your vicinity, lending them all the assistance possible, as their line of work is a hard struggle at the best. Don't lay around and leave the work all to our solicitors, but get out with them and show them around, introduce them to the Socialists of your vicinity, and lend us a helping hand in establish a paper that stands for and fights for the cause of the working class.

S. E. Tuck of Canyon Creek was a pleasant caller at these Socialist headquarters last Saturday while in the city, and he informs the writer that the Socialist ticket will receive a large vote this fall from the farmers. He says the farmers are awaking and that they see readily that there is nothing for them in voting for the millionaire corporations of the state, and that the distribution of Socialist literature among the common people is having its effect. In discussing the political situation, he says that he has been a Socialist for a number of years, but did not know just what it was until of late since he had begun reading their literature and listening to their speakers. It is to be hoped that Comrade Tuck's locality is no exception to the rule, and that the farmer vote will roll up for the Socialist ticket. In that event, the next election will see all of the riff raff, anti-trust, labor faking, political hirelings flocking to the only party that stands for the laboring class.

Trades Assembly Resolutions

In another column will be found a set of resolutions adopted by the Trades and Labor Assembly of Helena relative to the matter of the present incumbents of the city on both democratic and republican tickets, who have failed to do as they agreed.

There is a lesson to be learned from these resolutions, and if the earth stands long enough, and men live unto the end, there is a possibility of their learning the lesson.

The class struggle is thoroughly exemplified in these resolutions, in the fact that they condemn the democrats and republicans in failing to carry out their pledges. However, for some forty years the two old parties have failed to carry out any pledges to the people, and they will continue the same old deal if they can succeed in duping the laboring class to putting them in power.

There is also a disgusting, nauseating part to a procedure of this kind, and especially so to we who have belonged to organized labor and been through the fights conducted in behalf of that class. It is surely nauseating to see an organization which represents at least 80 per cent of the voters of this city or any other, being led to the polls by the nose, herded like cattle, driven like sheep, beaten into line by the crack of the master's whip, to vote for the competitive system, and land the paid tools of capitalism in power, then to come on their knees like whining puppets and make a laughing lickspittle of themselves by begging of a power that secured its strength from their prejudice and ignorance, equalled only by the idol worshippers of the dark ages.

While this nauseating part cannot be overlooked, neither can it be done away with for a time. But even with this bad feature, the condemnation of both old parties shows conclusively that the Socialist agitation is awakening the laboring class to a sense of its duty.

The efforts by labor fakirs may be successful for a time yet, in leading the laboring class into all kind of fusion graft organizations, but after they have once gone through the school of experience

they will finally awake and see that there is only one way to win and that is by electing their own class to office, and then petitions introduced on bended knees and fathered by the blind will be out of order. Awake, workmen!

Montana Socialists Should Arouse

According to all reports coming to this office the Socialists of the state of Montana need a little arousing, in fact something like an electric wire attached to them.

The organization should now be put in first-class shape and the line-up strengthened with a vigorous campaign of speech making and liberal distribution of literature.

This election is going to see a wonderful increase in the Socialist vote in Montana. It is the only party that stands for the laborer. It is in the field with its ticket composed of union men, and none from head to foot have been named but working people. It has no bob-tailing to do with the democratic or republican party. Its program is clean-cut, class conscious, scientific Socialism, and with its motto, "To the laborer belongs the full product of its toil," should receive every laboring man's vote in the state.

But in order to conduct this work properly the organization must be perfected; in fact must be put in the best working shape possible. More support must be given the state secretary and the locals must be lined up with an organization that means something. This milk and water style and condition must be eliminated, and it can only be done by constant activity at headquarters and a hustling amount of work on the part of the state secretary.

There is no reason why this lethargic condition should now prevail in the Socialist ranks. The campaign is on; the ticket is in the field; the platform is before you; the work of organization awaits you; your local meets regularly; your duty is to be at every local meeting and assist to the best of your ability in furthering a cause that stands for humanity, for the bettering of the laboring man's condition, for the ushering in of the co-operative commonwealth.

Let every Socialist observe his duty in an orderly way. First, attend your local meetings; second, try and bring some laborer with you who has not as yet seen the light of truth in the Socialist cause; third, contribute what you can to the movement and see that you are alive to your own interests. The Socialist party is the only party that stands for the laboring class without any "ifs" or "ands" about the matter. It is the only party that dare come before you with a platform advocating a relief of your condition and nominees placed upon the same from the ranks of the working class. Then why should you desert it? In voting for any other party you lose your vote, for their interests are not yours.

Socialist comrades, let us arouse from this lethargic sleep, get our coats off, and get into this fight and roll up a vote that will scare the hirelings on the Rockefeller throne, shake the monuments of capitalism from pit to dome, and show to the world what we demand, not beg.

One Month in Helena.

With this issue of the Montana News we close the first month's business in Helena, our new location, and feel gratified to say to the Socialists that all conditions in a business way, so far, appear strongly to approve of the move, and suggest to us that the change of location was no mistake by any means.

Since Comrade Lynch left the city and has gone out among the Socialists of the state subscription cards are arriving every day at the rate of from three to twenty a day. This kind of work continued means the building up of a strong Socialist paper for Montana. And as soon as sufficient finances arrive to liquidate the present debts and place the office on "Easy street," other features will be added to the columns of the News that the reader will feel that he is getting his money's worth.

One dollar per year seems high to some of the Socialists, but we

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We are glad to announce that the present condition of the News appears good and we hope to be able to announce to our many readers in the future of some new improvements to be added.

Let us thank the Comrades from over the state who have put their shoulders to the wheel and given us a push at the right time, and let us thank the Comrades in advance who will follow the example already set and assist us in the future.

Let us make the Montana News one of the best Socialist papers in the United States. We can do it with your help.

Now then, you slave of capitalism, you hewer of wood and drawer of water, you human beast of burden with an old party ring in your nose, whoop it up for the capitalist party nominees, for they are all "labor's friends!" Yell yourselves hoarse for Roosevelt and Davis or Parker and Fairbanks—that's a little twisted, we guess, but it makes no possible difference, all the candidates stand for Wall street and government by the rich. And by the way, while you are yelling for Davis and "democracy," don't overlook the fact that he was at one time a slave driver on the southern plantations. Can you doubt the "democracy" of such a man?—Milwaukee Herald.

Last Thursday morning the Helena Independent carried a head over an article that read "Meeting of labor leaders in Union hall last night." There was a mistake of just one word in that head; the word "leaders" should have been "fakirs." Nearly every union in this state has the initiative and referendum in their constitution and by-laws, consequently leaders are eliminated, and those who spring up and assume that position are fakirs pure and simple.

Members of the Socialist party who desire to see all things harmonious, had better get out. A revolutionary party is not founded upon a condition of "harmony." It is the outgrowth of bad conditions. Those who prefer harmony can get it by joining either of the old parties. The money leaders of those organizations harmonize the whole affair.

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